

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claim 12 is currently amended. Claims 1-12 are now pending in this application.

In the final Office Action mailed March 8, 2005, claims 1-11 were allowed, and claim 12 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Cheetham (GB 2286851). Claim 12 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 12 now is in allowable form.

In addition, the final Office Action indicated that documents A4, A5, B1, and B2 submitted in previously-filed information disclosure statements were not considered. Applicant has resubmitted these documents as documents C1 and C2 in an information disclosure statement filed with this Preliminary Amendment. As stated in the information disclosure statement filed today, documents C1 and C2 came to the attention of Applicant's assignee at a date presently undetermined, but prior to the effective filing date of the present application. Applicant requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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